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KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION TO HOST HIKE AT BRIGADOON STATE NATURE PRESERVE *Hike limited to 20 participants*

FRANKFORT, KY (April 16, 2009) - You're invited to join the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) for an interpretive hike at Brigadoon State Nature Preserve in Barren County on Saturday, April 25, 2009, beginning at 10 a.m. CDT.

Bring sturdy boots and bottled water, then join western regional preserves manager Lane Linnenkohl on an exploration of the flora and large mature trees of the natural western mesophytic forest ecology of southern Barren County. Walk through the forested ridges and scenic ravines overlooking the Skaggs Creek portion of Barren Lake. Points of discussion will include the contrast between the rich forests of southern Barren County and the barrens of northwest Barren County, as well as the history of this beautiful nature preserve.

While there is no charge for the event, registration is required and limited to 20 people. This hike is rated as moderately difficult and is estimated to last two hours. Contact Lane Linnenkohl by e-mail: Lane.Linnenkohl@ky.gov, or by phone: 270-745-7005 to register and receive driving directions to Brigadoon State Nature Preserve.

More information about the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission can be obtained by visiting www.naturepreserves.ky.gov.

The hike is among activities surrounding Kentucky's celebration of Earth Day, which is Wednesday, April 22. Visit the state Earth Day Web site at www.eec.ky.gov/educationoutreach/earthday/ learn more about Kentucky's Earth Day celebration.